



Grants, Resources and Notices from the Federal Government

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This following is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information.

This list is not exhaustive but representative of various funding opportunities, resources and notices from the Federal Government of interest to the Fifth District. This information is subject to change and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

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Grants and Federal Domestic Assistance on Congresswoman Tsongas' Website:

<http://tsongas.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=13§iontree=4,13>

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is the primary source of federal grants program information, although actual funding depends upon annual congressional budget appropriations. The Catalog is available free full-text on the Internet at <http://www.cfda.gov/> and allows searching by keyword and by various indexes such as department, agency, program, subject, beneficiary, and applicant eligibility.

Federal grant funding opportunities are posted on the website **Grants.gov**
<http://www.grants.gov>.

The website enables grant seekers to electronically find and apply for competitive grants from all federal agencies. Again, for full program information, CFDA numbers are given. The site also allows users to receive e-mail notification of future grant opportunities, to apply for federal grants online through a unified process, and to track their grant application after submission.

U.S Department of Education
List of Currently Open Grant Competitions

CFDA#	Closing Date	Program Name [and Principal Office]
84.133A-3	3/7/2011	Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center [OSERS]
84.133F-1	2/25/2011	Research Fellowships Program [OSERS]
84.133S-1	2/11/2011	Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR)--Phase I [OSERS]
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84.149A	1/19/2011	College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) [OESE]
84.141A	1/19/2011	High School Equivalency Program (HEP) [OESE]
84.044A	12/28/2010	Talent Search (TS) Program [OPE]
84.330B	12/21/2010	Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Program [OESE]

For More Information:
<http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html>

U.S Department of Commerce
Nancy Foster Scholarship Program

Only individuals who are United States citizens currently pursuing a Master's or doctoral level degree in oceanography, marine biology or maritime archaeology (including all science, engineering, and resource management of ocean and coastal areas) at a U.S. accredited graduate institution are eligible for an award under this scholarship program. In addition, students must have and maintain a minimum cumulative and term grade point average of 3.0 and maintain full-time student status for every term, and for the duration of their award. Universities or other organizations may not apply on behalf of an individual. Prospective scholars do not need to be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application, but must be admitted to a graduate level program in order to be awarded this scholarship. Eligibility must be maintained for each succeeding year of support and annual reporting requirements, to be specified at a later date, will apply.

Application Deadline: **Mar 17, 2011**

Eligibility:

Only individuals who are United States citizens currently pursuing a Master's or doctoral level degree in oceanography,

marine biology or maritime archaeology (including all science, engineering, and resource management of ocean and coastal areas) at a U.S. accredited graduate institution are eligible for an award under this scholarship program.

For More Information:

<http://fosterscholars.noaa.gov/>

U.S Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food & Agriculture - Organic Research & Extension Initiative

Organic Research & Extension Initiative helps solve critical organic agriculture issues, priorities or problems through the integration of research and extension activities. OREI funds research and extension programs that enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products.

Application Deadline: **February 10, 2011**

Eligibility:

Colleges and universities, nonprofits and for-profits, including small businesses

For More Information:

http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/11_orei.doc

U.S Department of Agriculture
Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program

The Department of Agriculture manages this grant program with the goal of to promoting and strengthening agriscience and agribusiness education in grades kindergarten to 14.

Application Deadline: **January 18, 2011**

Eligibility:

Local education agencies and institutes of higher education.

For More Information:

www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/2011_secondary_education.pdf

United States Department of Health and Human Services
List of Currently Open Grant Competitions

For more info:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=AGENCYSEARCH&agency=HHS>

United States Department of Health and Human Services
Improving the System of Services for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Grantees will use these funds to provide comprehensive, community based systems for CYSHCN and their families. These systems must provide services that are family centered and culturally competent.

The systems must have the following six outcomes:

1. Families partner in decision making and are satisfied with the services they receive.
2. Children and youth with special health care needs receive coordinated ongoing comprehensive care at one facility.

3. Families of children and youth with special health care needs have adequate insurance and financing to pay for the services they need.
4. Children are screened early and continuously for special health care needs.
5. Community based service systems are organized so families can use them easily.

Youth with special health care needs receive the services necessary to make transitions to adult life, including adult health care, work and independence.

Application deadline: **Jan 18, 2011. Letter of Intent is required.**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Public and private organizations, including tribal and community organizations and faith-based groups.

For more info:

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=195708DB-DAA4-42D3-AFA0-3000459F7C23&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=True&pageNumber=2&Popup=>

United States Department of Health and Human Services
Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Regional Program

These funds seek to improve the identification and protection of human trafficking victims in the United States and to increase public awareness about human trafficking. The grantees will serve as regional focal points for an intensification of local outreach to and identification of victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons. Each successful applicant will be required to lead or actively participate in a community led effort within a state to bring together and leverage local resources to address human trafficking in a region.

ACF's Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) seeks to award one cooperative agreement per geographic area for a period of three years. ORR will give priority to geographic locations with reported high incidence of human trafficking. Priority also may be given to those demonstrating three or more years of experience in identifying and assisting both sex and labor trafficking victims, making service referrals for trafficking victims, providing referrals to law enforcement, and providing technical assistance and trainings on human trafficking.

Application deadline: **January 18, 2010**

Kinds of Organizations Eligible:

Governments, institutions of higher education, public housing authorities, nonprofits and for-profits

For more info:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-ORR-ZV-0080>

United States Environmental Protection Agency
2010 Environmental Research Grant Announcements

2010 Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Research Grants EPA Grants

- Understanding Day Care Environments of Children - Opens June 2010 - Postponed until 2011
- Dynamic Air Quality Management - Opens October 2010
- Coarse Particulate Matter - Opens November 2010
- Tribal Environmental Health Science - Opens March 2010 Postponed until 2011

For more info:

<http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/#CurrentStar>

United States Department of Homeland Security
List of Grant Competitions

For more info:

<http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/grants/>

United States Department of Justice
List of Currently Open Grant Competitions

<u>Solicitation</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Apply</u>
<u>Bureau of Justice Assistance</u>		
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program	01/27/11	Grants Management System (GMS)
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program	02/03/11	Grants.gov
Wrongful Conviction Review Program	02/03/11	Grants.gov
Criminal Intelligence System Operating Policies (28 CFR Part 23) National Training and Technical Assistance Program	02/10/11	Grants.gov
Intellectual Property Crime Enforcement Program	02/10/11	Grants.gov
Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Demonstration Projects for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles	03/03/11	Grants.gov
<u>Bureau of Justice Statistics</u>		
FY 2011 Firearm Inquiry Statistics (FIST) Program Solicitation	01/24/11	Grants.gov
State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers, 2011	02/28/11	Grants Management System (GMS)
<u>Community Capacity Development Office</u>		
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<u>National Institute of Justice</u>		
Strategic Approaches to Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) Evidence: An Action Research Project	01/18/11	Grants.gov
Officer Safety Research and Technology Development for Criminal Justice Applications	02/03/11	Grants.gov
Electronic Crime and Digital Evidence Recovery	02/03/11	Grants.gov
Location and Tracking Technologies for Corrections Applications	02/03/11	Grants.gov
Performance Management Information Systems for Law Enforcement and Corrections Applications	02/07/11	Grants.gov

Body Armor Standards Research for Criminal Justice Applications	02/07/11	Grants.gov
Expert Systems Technologies for Criminal Justice Applications	02/07/11	Grants.gov
Electronic Surveillance Technologies for Criminal Justice Applications	02/07/11	Grants.gov
Sensor, Surveillance, and Biometric Technologies for Criminal Justice Applications	02/14/11	Grants.gov
Social Science Research on Forensic Science	02/22/11	Grants.gov
NIJ Ph.D. Graduate Research Fellowship Program FY 2011	02/28/11	Grants.gov
Data Resources Program 2011: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data	02/28/11	Grants.gov
Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships	03/01/11	Grants.gov
National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)	03/04/11	Grants.gov
Officer Traffic Safety Research and Technology Development for Criminal Justice Applications	03/07/11	Grants.gov
Analysis of the Criminal Justice System's Data Architecture	03/07/11	Grants.gov
Solving Cold Cases With DNA	03/08/11	Grants.gov
Research and Evaluation on International Organized Crime	03/16/11	Grants.gov
Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons	03/16/11	Grants.gov
Research and Evaluation in Crime Control and Prevention	03/17/11	Grants.gov
Research and Evaluation in Justice Systems	03/17/11	Grants.gov
W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program FY 2011	03/22/11	Grants.gov
Forensic Science Technology Center of Excellence	04/04/11	Grants.gov
Applied Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes	04/05/11	Grants.gov
Research on Violence and Victimization Across the Life-Span	04/06/11	Grants.gov
<u>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</u>		
FY 2011 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Block Grants Program	02/15/11	Grants Management System (GMS)
FY 2011 Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program	02/24/11	Grants Management System (GMS)

FY 2011 Tribal Youth Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Programs	02/28/11	Grants.gov
FY 2011 Tribal Youth National Mentoring Program	02/28/11	Grants.gov
FY 2011 Multi-State Mentoring Initiative	02/28/11	Grants.gov
FY 2011 National Mentoring Programs	02/28/11	Grants.gov
FY 2011 Evaluations of Girls' Delinquency Programs	02/28/11	Grants.gov
FY 2011 National Gang Center	02/28/11	Grants.gov
FY 2011 Evaluation of Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiatives	03/07/11	Grants.gov
FY 2011 Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program	03/07/11	Grants.gov
<u>Office for Victims of Crime</u>		
FY 2011 2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide	02/14/11	Grants.gov
Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program	<u>case by case</u> <u>basis</u>	

United States Department of Justice
State Justice Institute Department of Justice Project Grants

The State Justice Institute will fund grants to support innovative education and training, research and evaluation, demonstration, and technical assistance projects that can improve the administration of justice in state courts locally or nationwide.

Application Deadline: **February 1, 2011**

Eligibility:

Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and state and local courts.

For more info:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-24271.htm>

National Endowment for the Arts
2011-12 Big Read Program

The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest, is designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. The Big Read provides participating U.S. communities with grants and comprehensive resources that support their efforts to read and discuss a single book or the work of a poet. The program will select 75 organizations in communities of varying sizes across the United States to conduct month-long, community-wide reads from September 2011 through June 2012. Organizations must match grant funds at least 1:1 with nonfederal funds, and may use the funding for such expenses as book purchases, speaker fees and travel, salaries, advertising, and venue rental. Applicant organizations that are not libraries must partner with one. Elementary and secondary schools and school districts, whether public or private, may not be lead applicants but are strongly encouraged to partner with libraries, literary centers, museums, and other eligible applicants.

Application Deadline: **February 1, 2011**

For more info:

www.neabigread.org/application_process.php

National Endowment for the Arts
Literature Fellowship

The NEA Literature Fellowships program offers \$25,000 grants in prose (fiction and creative nonfiction) and poetry to published creative writers that enable the recipients to set aside time for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement. The NEA Literature Fellowships program operates on a two-year cycle with fellowships in prose and poetry available in alternating years. For FY 2012, which is covered by these guidelines, fellowships in prose are available. Fellowships in poetry will be offered in FY 2013 and guidelines will be available in January 2012. Individuals may apply only once each year.

Application Deadline: **March 3, 2011**

For more info:

If you have questions about your application, please contact the Literature staff at 202/682-5034 or e-mail

LitFellowships@arts.gov

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Lit/index.html>

National Endowment for the Humanities
Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants for Innovative Projects

The National Endowment for the Humanities is inviting applications to the Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program, which is designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. By awarding relatively small grants to projects in the planning stages, NEH aims to encourage the development of innovations that promise to benefit the humanities. Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities. Projects may involve research, new approaches, or best practices in the study of the digital humanities; planning and developing prototypes of new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries' and museums' digital assets; scholarship or studies that examine the philosophical or practical implications and impact of the use of emerging technologies in specific fields or disciplines of the humanities, or in interdisciplinary collaborations involving several fields or disciplines; innovative uses of technology for public programming and education using both traditional and new media; and new digital modes of publication that facilitate the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all levels. Applicants must propose an innovative approach, method, tool, or idea that has not been used before in the humanities.

Application Deadline: **February 23, 2011**

For more info:

www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/digitalhumanitiesstartup.html

Corporation for National and Community Service
AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2011

The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. For more than fifteen years, the Corporation—through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs—has helped to mobilize a new generation of engaged citizens. This year, more than 1.8 million individuals of all ages and backgrounds will serve with national and community non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and local agencies to meet needs in education, health, the environment, economic opportunity, veterans, disaster services, and other critical areas.

Application deadline: **January 25, 2011**

For More Information:

http://www.americorps.gov/pdf/10_0831_ac_nofo.pdf

Department of Housing and Urban Development
Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities Program

The Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities (CFCF) Program provides grants to develop facilities to provide early childhood education, adult education, and job training programs for public housing residents based on an identified need for such facilities.

Application deadline: **January 14, 2011**

Eligibility:

Public housing authorities.

For More Information:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-26199.htm>

Department of Housing and Urban Development
Emergency Capital Repair Program for Multifamily Housing Projects Designated for Occupancy by the Elderly

This program provides funding emergency capital repairs to eligible multifamily projects owned by private nonprofit entities that are designated for occupancy by elderly tenants.

Application deadline: **Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until Nov. 29, 2011**

Eligibility:

Private nonprofit owners of eligible multifamily-assisted housing developments designated for occupancy by elderly tenants

For More Information:

<http://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=b8f4c9b8928424a879a6243b337375b6>

Department of Housing and Urban Development
Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency: Service Coordinators Program

This program will issue grants to provide funding to hire and maintain Service Coordinators who will assess the needs of residents of conventional Public Housing or Indian housing and coordinate available resources in the community to meet those needs.

Application deadline: **February 21, 2011**

Eligibility:

Public housing authorities and not-for-profit organizations.

For More Information:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=FXC7MGbXf2Lk8vJfWdGZmJLCDBSZd2b9s9gTLjNyJ5Z1F8TMfM9C!-1503777161?opId=58528&mode=VIEW>

Department of Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Internal Revenue Service Tax Tips

More information is available at www.irs.gov

- **First-Time Homebuyer Credit and Long-Time Resident Credit**
 - Eligible first-time homebuyers who purchased a home on or before Apr. 30, 2010 or entered into a binding contract by April 30, 2010 and settled on the purchase on or before September 30, 2010 may be able to claim up to an \$8,000 tax credit.
 - Additionally, a new law also provides a "long-time resident" credit of up to \$6,500 for taxpayers who do not qualify as "first-time homebuyers." To qualify for the \$6,500 credit, a buyer must have owned and used the same home as a principal or primary residence for at least five consecutive years of the eight-year period ending on the date of purchase of a new home as a primary residence. For qualifying purchases in 2010, you have the option of claiming the credit on either your 2009 or 2010 tax return. Paper returns must be filed to claim these credits and documentation of the purchase must be included with the return.
- **Get Credit for Making Your Home More Energy Efficient**
 - Tax incentives are still available for making energy efficient improvements to your home. You may be able to claim a "nonbusiness energy property credit" of 30% of the cost of certain energy-efficient property or improvements you placed in service in 2010.
 - This property can include high-efficiency heat pumps, air conditioners, and water heaters. It also may include energy-efficient windows, doors, insulation materials, and certain roofs. The credit has been expanded to include certain asphalt roofs and stoves that burn biomass fuel. The total amount of credit you can claim in 2009 and 2010 is \$1,500.
- **Get a Tax Break for Education Expenses**
 - The American Opportunity Credit, a modification of the Hope Credit has been expanded for 2009 and 2010 and is available to a broader range of taxpayers, including many with higher incomes and those who owe no tax.
 - It also adds required course materials to the list of qualifying expenses and allows the credit to be claimed for four post-secondary education years instead of two. Many of those eligible will qualify for the maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student.
- **Get the Most Out of Your Retirement Accounts**
 - Are you maximizing your contributions to your retirement accounts? This year, you can contribute up to \$5,000 in an IRA, as well as another \$16,500 to a 401(k) employee plan. If you're 50 or older, those numbers go up to \$6,000 and \$22,000, respectively.
- **The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**
 - The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. When the credit exceeds the amount of taxes owed, it results in a tax refund to those who qualify for and claim the credit. Find out if you qualify here:
<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=130102,00.html>

SMALL BUSINESS INFORMATION

Did you know that nearly 96 percent of consumers live outside the U.S.?

Small businesses interested in exporting now have a new online tool to help them tap into the global marketplace to grow their business. Developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration, Six Steps to Begin Exporting, www.export.gov/begin, is the latest tool in the National Export Initiative toolbox to help entrepreneurs begin exporting.

Take advantage of the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit:

The Internal Revenue Service released final guidance for small employers eligible to claim the new small business health care tax credit for the 2010 tax year.

- Form 8941, Credit for Small Employer Health Insurance Premiums, and newly revised Form 990-T are now available.
- <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i8941.pdf>
- <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8941.pdf>

Small Business Program for Veterans

A very popular initiative that in just three-and-a-half years has provided more than \$560 million in loan guarantees to nearly 7,000 veterans to start or expand their small businesses is being renewed for three more years, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. Patriot Express, a streamlined pilot loan product based on

the agency's SBA Express program, offers an enhanced guaranty and interest rate on loans to small businesses owned by veterans, reservists and their spouses.

Patriot Express loans are offered by SBA's network of participating lenders nationwide and feature one of SBA's fastest turnaround times for loan approvals. Patriot Express loans are available for up to \$500,000. The Patriot Express loan can be used for most business purposes, including start-up, expansion, equipment purchases, working capital, inventory or business-occupied real-estate purchases. Local SBA district offices can provide lists of Patriot Express lenders in their areas. Details on the initiative can be found at www.sba.gov/patriotexpress.

Small Business Administration
Looking for funding and other financial resources?

Federal, state and local governments offer a wide range of financing programs to help small businesses start and grow their operations. These programs include low-interest loans, venture capital, and scientific and economic development grants.

For more info:

Business.gov, the official business link to the U.S. Government has a great resource page:
<http://www.business.gov/financing/index.html>

Small Business Administration
Guarantees on Pools of Portions of Eligible 504 First Mortgage Loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration today announced the first nine loan pool originators authorized by the agency to assemble and sell pools of 504 program first mortgage loans, a major step to jump-starting a secondary market that should make fixed asset financing more widely available for small businesses.

Prior to the recent disruption in the credit market, a private secondary market for these loans existed, but has not revived as the economy has started to rebound. SBA expects this new program to breathe new life into that secondary market and improve access to credit for small businesses by providing a resource that can help boost liquidity to small business lenders. Under the program, the SBA will provide a government guarantee on pools of portions of eligible 504 first mortgage loans assembled by approved pool originators to be sold to third-party investors. Lenders will retain at least 15 percent of each individual loan, pool originators will assume 5 percent of the risk, and the SBA will guarantee the remaining 80 percent.

Typically, a 504 project includes three elements: a loan (or first mortgage) secured with a senior lien from a private-sector lender covering up to 50 percent of the project cost, a second mortgage secured with a junior lien from a Certified Development Company (backed by a 100 percent SBA-guaranteed debenture) covering up to 40 percent of the cost, and a contribution of at least 10 percent equity from the small business borrower.

Under the new program, portions of the senior liens are pooled by pool originators and sold to investors in the secondary market. To be eligible to be included in a pool, the first mortgage must be associated with a 504 loan disbursed on or after February 17, 2009. The program **will be in place until February 16, 2011**, **OR** until **\$3 billion in new pools** are created, whichever occurs first.

For more info:

<http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/elending/secondarymarket/index.html>